

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Previously, former Examiner Bonderer issued a restriction and election requirements. Examiner Bonderer identified two inventions, claims 1-21 and claims 22-25. He also identified two species of the first invention, , Figs. 1-12 and Figs. 13-21.

The Applicant provisionally elected to prosecute claims 1-21 and the species of Figs. 1-12, but traversed the restriction requirement. The Applicant stated that the only claim which did not read on the elected species was claim 9. That was an error, claims 9, 18, and 19 read on the species of Figs. 13-21.

Examiner Bonderer apparently accepted the Applicant's traverse of the restriction requirement and examined claims 22-25. However, the Examiner withdrew claims 4, 5, and 8-19 from consideration. The Applicant believes that this withdrawal from consideration was improper and that only claims 9, 18, and 19 should have been withdrawn. The table below illustrates where the features of claims 4, 5, 8, and 10-17 can be found in the elected species (Figs. 1-12).

Claim	Figure and Reference Number
4	Figure 11, number 24e
5	Figure 11, number 24d
8	Figure 11, number 24c
10	Figure 11, number 24b
11	Figures 6-8, 11, and 12, numbers 12 and 18
12	Figure 11, numbers 18, 26, and 28
13	Figures 1-8 and 12, numbers 20 and 22
14	Figure 10, numbers 26 and 28
15	Figure 10, numbers 20c and 21
16	Figure 10, numbers 20c and 21
17	Figure 11, numbers 24e and 18a

Claims 1, 2, 7, and 22 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Cope. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 4, i.e. the keyway in the swivel. None of the cited references teaches or suggests this feature. Therefore it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable. Claims 2-12 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for the same reason. Claim 9, however, is directed to the embodiment of Figs. 13-21 which does not have the keyway claimed in claim 1. Therefore claim 9 has been canceled.

Claim 13 has been amended to be an independent claim containing the limitations of original claims 1 and 11. Claim 13 is directed to the pushbutton actuator shown in Figures 1-8, 10 and 12. None of the cited art teaches or suggests this type of actuator. Therefore it is respectfully submitted that claim 13 is allowable. Claims 14-17 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for the same reason.

Claims 18 and 19 have been amended to depend from independent claim 13. As stated in the specification at page 13, lines 9-13, the pushbutton actuator can be used with both embodiments of the swivel. Claims 18 and 19 claim the second embodiment of the swivel in conjunction with the pushbutton actuator and are allowable for the same reason as claim 13. Claims 20-21 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for the same reason as claim 1. Claims 22-25 have been canceled.

Claims 1-3 and 22 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Cragg. The amendment to claim 1 discussed above distinguishes over Cragg. Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1 and claim 22 has been canceled. Claims 1-3 are allowable for the reasons discussed above.

Claims 20 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Cragg or Cope in view of Dreyfuss. These claims depend from claim 1 and are allowable for the same reason as claim 1.

Claims 23-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Cragg. These claims have been canceled.

Since the office action dated February 18, 2005 improperly ignored claims directed to the elected species, any continued or new rejection is not properly made final. However, in light of all of the above, it is submitted that claims 1-8 and 10-21 are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain

outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

The Examiner is also requested to indicate that the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on January 19, 2004 has been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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